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CARACAS FOR ASST SEC ROGERS FROM AMBASFCODOR

EO: 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, VE (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S TRIP: TOAST

REF: STATE 37643

1. RE REFTEL, HATO GRANDE IS PRIVATE INFORMAL DINNER AND NO TOASTS EXPECTED OR WOULD REALLY BE APPROPRIATE THERE. (DINNER IS PRESIDENT LOPEZ, LIEVANO, SECRETARY, YOU AND ME.)
2. GOC'S UNDERSTANDING (AND MINE) IS THAT THERE WILL BE EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT SECRETARY'S LUNCH FOR FOREIGN MINISTER MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AND ASSUME THAT IS WHAT YOU REFER TO IN REFTEL. LIEVANO EXPECTS (AND WANTS) TO MAKE A REPLY, AND I THINK WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED IF THERE WAS NOT ORAL EXCHANGE. ALTERNATIVES ARE A) HAVE SPANISH TRANSLATION OF SECRETARY'S TOAST AND ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF LIEVANO'S REPLY AT EACH GUEST'S PLACE, HAVE SECRETARY AND LIEVANO MAKE THEIR TOASTS AND ELIMINATE CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION; OR B) HAVE TOASTS MADE AND TRANSLATION READ AS ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED. PHYSICALLY BOTH ALTERNATIVES ARE FEASIBLE; I BELIEVE COLOMBIANS WOULD CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE (V) THE MORE GRACIOUS FORMAT. (OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT BOTH TOASTS WOULD BE ABOUT TEN MINUTES IN DURATION.)

3. IF YOU GIVE US ENGLISH TEXT AT PLANESIDE, WE CAN PRODUCE SPANISH TRANSLATION FOR NEXT DAY'S LUNCH.

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